

HOME NEWS

—Mr. Adam Marshall is quite ill at the home of his father, Capt. J. W. Marshall, near Mingo.

—The Circuit Court was called upon to decide at this term that service on a corporation cannot be made through the cook.

—Peter Warwick, Esq., raised a turnip this season which weighs eight pounds. It is about the size and shape of a head of cabbage. A radish raised in the garden of Mr. A. S. McNeil weighs three pounds.

—Lost by Judge Campbell, on his coming to Pocahontas, between Falling Springs and Hillsboro, a band-box containing two lady's hats. The finder will please put himself in communication with Judge Campbell, at Union, Monroe county, West Virginia.

—Burley Hannah, who was lying in jail on a *capias profine*, was released last week when he had been in jail ninety-nine days. He says he only lacked three chapters of reading the Bible through during his confinement.

—A certain citizen of the county has been the victim of a pleasant practical joke. A friend in Georgia placed an advertisement in the *Manufacturer's Record* stating this county man wished to buy a lath mill. The mails since then have been laden with letters from people wishing to sell a lath mill.

—A bicyclist who recently traveled over the road from Ronceverte to Marlinton, says that he took careful measurement of the road with an instrument attached to his "bike," and that the distance between these points is fifty miles, just four miles farther than we have been used to calling it.

—Though the list of Confederate veterans, as printed in this paper last week from the minutes of the forming of the camp, contained full one hundred and forty names, it is evident that it is wholly incomplete. We are advised to say that all Confederates whose names are missing from that roll call, will please report to Adjutant J. J. Beard, at Huntersville, for enrollment.

—C. E. Beard, Esq., of Mill Point, has the prize herd of two-year-old cattle. He has a hundred head. Thirty-three of these, purchased as calves from Mr. R. M. Beard, average in weight 1050 pounds, and the weight of the rest of the herd is not far under this. The cattle are all deborned, and the lot is superior even among the many well-bred herds of the county.

—The Australian Ballot Law is very strict. The possession of a ticket constitutes a felony, and as to the printer, there is enough required of him to frighten him half out of his wits. Therefore, when he is working on the ballots the doors and windows are carefully secured, and no one is admitted. This will explain why the doors of this office were locked during the past week, and the friendly callers will excuse the apparent inhospitality.

—The walls of the court-house are gradually rising, and in two weeks it is thought that the brick-work of the building will be finished. The roof will be put on immediately, and then the fine system of heaters will dry the building out and make it warm enough for the "inside work" to go on this winter. The visitor admires the foundation especially. The brick-work passed the architects approval, and Capt. Jacobs was complimented on it. The building of this court-house will show the stranger that we have a wealthy and progressive county, besides being a great convenience.

—The weather of the last ten days has been most delightful. The Indian Summer is now upon us. This has made this session of the Circuit Court particularly pleasant. Several parties are camping out with their covered wagons and attending court. They are kept here about ten days as witnesses or as parties to suits and have had a good time in camp. The wagons are drawn up on the bank of Knapp's Creek, where the trees fringe the level lay of bottom, and present a decidedly western appearance from the town.

—The mail facilities at Yelk, a new postoffice established on the Old Field Fork of Elk, with Geo. L. Hannah, Esq., postmaster, have been greatly modified and improved. Mr. Hannah runs a retail grocery, manages a farm, and is also the route contractor from Marlinton to Mingo. At present the carriers are Will Shelton and Randolph Hambrick. Each leaves Yelk in the morning and returns at night, and thus the southern mail is delivered from Edray to Yelk a day sooner than formerly. Shelton passes Gibson's four times a day, and Hambrick passes twice, so there are six opportunities to speak to a mail carrier at that point.

—Mr. Varner exhibits a cheese shaped fall turnip that measures twenty-three inches in circumference and about seven inches in thickness, and weighs over six pounds.

—There is some talk of running W. L. Brown for Justice in the Green Bank District, and Capt. C. B. Swecker for Constable.

—Mr. S. S. Varner is summoned to serve as a Federal Juror, and is to report at Charleston November 13th.

—W. A. Shearer and family will move from Marlinton, to William's River soon.

—A. C. Gunther's horse "Rowdy" won a purse of \$25 at the Beverly races.

Personal.

Mr. M. F. Geisy, of Wheeling, was on hand to meet the County Court, this week, to report as architect of the public buildings here.

Col. C. T. Smith, of Ronceverte, addressed a large concourse of Democrats at the court-house last Tuesday evening.

A. C. Gunther, Esq., of Addison, was in Marlinton this week.

Attorney C. P. Dorr, of Addison was visiting at Clover Lick this week.

Mr. Harper McGlaughlin and family, of Bath county, Virginia, have been visiting in Pocahontas and Randolph counties for the past few weeks.

Mr. Robert P. Manly, of Dalton, Georgia, while on his way to Marlinton, was in the disastrous wreck of last Sunday evening, at Bristol, Tennessee. The engine jumped the track and a good many coaches were piled on top of it. All the coaches left the track except the sleepers. Mr. Manly and another gentleman rescued two ladies from the coach in which he had been riding, before the train took fire. The conflagration was very swift. Mr. Manly ran the uninjured sleeper back by cutting it loose and uncoupling it. The other sleeper had a wheel broken and was burned. He showed us the blood of one of the men killed, on his hat.

Church Notes

There will be preaching at the M. P. Church, on Swago, on Sunday, October 28th, at 10:30 a. m., by the Rev. Otto McKeever.

The memorial sermon of the late George McLaughlin will be preached at Driftwood, Saturday morning, November 3rd, by Rev. W. T. Price. There will be preaching Friday night before at the same place.

Rev. E. F. Alexander will preach at Marlinton, Saturday night, November 3d, and Sabbath morning at 11 o'clock. He will also preach at Edray church Sabbath night, November 4th.

Sacramental services at Marlinton on the third Sabbath of November.

Edray.

Mr. Asa Barlow killed a fine wild turkey the 19th inst. while hunting cattle in the mountains. He says there was twenty five turkeys in the gang.

Messrs Barlow, Gay, and others killed a fine spike buck at this place Saturday last.

Preaching at the West Union school house Sunday evening at 3 p. m., Oct. 28th, by Rev. Sharp.

There will be public speaking at this place Wednesday night, Oct. 24th, 1894, by Hon. Samuel Houston of the "Peoples party".

Mr. Geo. P. Gilmore "our stone mason" is building a chimney for Mr. Geo. Auldridge.

Mrs. Amos Curry is on the sick list.

The Circuit Court.

Those who have never lived in a West Virginia county do not know what an important feature of the year the circuit court constitutes.

It can be called the epoch of the season's business. It is then that the money is put into circulation, for debts are contracted to be paid "at court." Those who have but little business to transact, enhance it a thousand times by their most mysterious actions. Schemes are laid, and there has been probably no undertaking of importance, calling for concerted action, in the history of the county, that was not hatched on some court day.

It is pre-eminently the men's day and no women are to be seen, except perhaps some frightened looking lady, who has been called as a witness; for women will occasionally see things, and do not mind cross examination "a bit."

A prominent class is a choice lot of spirits that get drunk as regularly as the time comes, and each has his own peculiar way of making himself a perfect nuisance.

The jurors are present on the expense of the commonwealth and try hard not to enjoy their job.

The session just ended was one of considerable importance, and was carried through with great promptness and dispatch. Several cases involving the question of personal damages created great interest.

Hook vs. Rider and Herold vs. Hannah. In the first the action was based on the allegation that the defendant had said that the plaintiff had sworn as to a certain trial as a witness. They found nominal damages of one cent. A man from Elk said that the plaintiff's attorneys fell out as the gains could not be divided.

In the second case the declaration set forth that the defendant had said that the plaintiff had burned his own store to get the insurance. This was not substantiated to satisfaction of the jury, so they said "not guilty."

Two suits for false imprisonment both Sutton v. Constable C. P. Kerr and others, withered before the jury.

The case of Dilley v. Shrader involved the question of throwing sawdust in a running stream and polluting the water of the plaintiffs mill dam. But it was like shoveling sand against the tide for a plaintiff to try to recover by means of a jury for something he had not worked for, and this suit went by the board.

The criminal docket did not take much time. Ed. Pryor was brought from jail, where he has lain, (at nights) since January 2d. He carries the key of his cell in his pocket. He wouldn't run away if you paid him. The prisoner confessed to unlawful wounding, and was given thirty days extra, and he departed for Huntersville and the hospitable jail.

The chancery side of the court was busy selling land, decreeing land to be sold, and reeking with insolvency and distress, as usual. One couple was made happy by the solemnization of a divorce. One case of this sort, Coulter v. Coulter, in which papers had accumulated enough to sink a ship, was so complicated that no conclusion was reached.

The cases of the assignment of the merchants E. I. Holt and U. S. McNeill were considered. The latter will pay probably ten cents on the dollar.

A suit not mentioned on the law side, an action of ejectment, Wallace v. Whiting & Delning, consumed a good deal of time in trying but was compromised before it was finished.

The grand jury found some indictments for misdemeanors which are given elsewhere.

Burglar Arrested.

Readers of this paper will remember an account of the robbing of the store of R. E. Overholt & Sons, at Buckeye. Andrew Kellison; a youth of about 20 years, was brought to the county seat last Thursday, three hours after the Grand Jury had adjourned, charged with that robbery. Mr. Overholt had heard that this boy was selling clothes and jewelry, the kind of goods stolen, near the White Sulphur. He went there and surprised the boy by arresting him and taking him before a Justice of Greenbrier, where Kellison confessed to the Justice as to having broken into the store.

Kellison was sent on to Pocahontas on notoriously defective writs, and employed Mr. N. C. McNeil as counsel. He first claimed to have been drunk when he had confessed, but afterwards renewed his confession, and said that he had an accomplice, but would not give his name. He turned the residue of the stolen goods over to his counsel, and is endeavoring to make restitution to the losers for the goods stolen. He was sent to jail to await the action of the Grand Jury at its April Term.

Kellison was born in this county on Greenbrier River below Marlinton, and is an orphan. We have been told that on the night of the robbery he took supper at a house on the river about three miles from Buckeye, with a half-brother, leaving immediately after supper.

The Beverly Babercue.

The great Democratic meeting at Beverly was probably the largest gathering of people in the history of that county. A good many attended the meeting from this county, and many more would have been there had it not been for the commencing of the court at Marlinton. Speeches were made by Hon. Wm. L. Wilson, General Wade Hampton, and Ex-Governor Wilson.

The *Wheeling Register* says: General Wade Hampton returned here to day from Beverly, where he attended the great barbecue on Friday. He said he never saw such enthusiasm display as the crowd of six thousands people showed toward Chairman Wilson. Hundreds of those in the gathering drove 40 and 50 miles to be present, while one rock-ribbed Democrat came 100 miles in a farm wagon.

County Court.

A called meeting of the County Court was held on Tuesday last, at which time a report of Architect, Mr. M. F. Geisy, was considered as to the construction of the court-house, and the Clerk was directed to issue orders payable to the contractors, the Manly Manufacturing Company, to the amount of \$4,400.

The Association.

Our next session of the Pocahontas county Musical Association, will be held at Marlinton, commencing Thursday evening, November 8th 1894, at 7 o'clock p. m., and continuing two days.

All lovers and friends of music respectfully invited to attend. S. B. MOORE, President.

Dunmore.

Fine weather, water very low. A goodly number of our people attended court for about two weeks.

Miss Lula Kerr died at her mother's on Sunday, October 14th, after a long, lingering illness. She is at rest and with her Saviour.

W. H. Cackley and wife were up on a two weeks visit.

Mr. R. M. Pritchard and family of Bath county, spent several days in town.

John Jackson is out from Rockingham county.

Messrs. Wine and Lambert are here and will start their sawmill.

B. F. McElwee is off to New York to lay in his fall and winter stock of goods.

The barbecue and fair at Beverly were grand successes.

U. S. Grimes had his house burned on Wednesday night, with all its contents. No insurance.

We understand that there will be new store started at the C. C. Arbogast stand, one mile above Green Bank; this is getting to be quite a business point; one large wagon and blacksmith shop has been erected by Davis Patrick Hamilton; a big boot and shoe shop has been opened by Amos Phillips; a neat dwelling built by Rev. C. C.

Arbogast; Dr. C. L. Austin is building a large stock barn.

Maj. Arbogast is doing some good work on the creek near his house to protect the road.

We must say that B. B. Kerr has the Staunton & Parkersburg turnpike from the Randolph county line to East Greenbrier river in better condition than it has been since the war.

Messrs. Wm. L. Brown and Geo. D. Oliver start to Baltimore this week to buy a stock of goods for Oliver Bros.

A man passed by like an express train through a country town; (To be continued)

JACOB,

Circuit Court.

LAW:

State v. Ed. Pryor, felony, pleaded guilty of unlawful wounding, sentenced to 30 days in jail.

State v. J. J. Hannah, indictment for misdemeanor, nolle.

State v. Cumberland Lumber Company, and John C. Hunter, same, confessed \$5 and costs.

State v. Allen Burner, same, not guilty.

State v. Summers Sutton, same, confessed, \$25 and cost.

Matthew Wallace v. Whiting & Denning, Trespass on the case, case dismissed by consent each to pay their own costs.

A. J. Hook v. Aaron Rider, slander, verdict for plaintiff of one cent and costs.

D. O'Connell v. Cumberland Lumber Company continued.

S. A. Gilmer v. Peabody Insurance Company continued.

John W. Barkley v. Smith, Whiting & Company, continued.

H. F. Herold v. W. B. Hannah, slander, not guilty.

Bank of Lewisburg v. Herold & Moore, continued.

James T. Sutton v. Chas. P. Kerr, C. P. C., et al., action for damages for false imprisonment, not guilty.

W. H. Dilley v. Robert C. Shrader, trespass on the case, not guilty.

Witz, Biedler & Co. v. U. S. McNeil, two cases, dismissed at plaintiffs cost.

Witz, Biedler & Co. v. H. M. Lockridge et al, debt, judgment for plaintiff, of \$1021.97.

Guggenheimer & Co. v. H. M. Lockridge, debt, judgment for plaintiff of \$1400.81.

State v. L. M. Waugh, assault and battery, bailed at \$100.

CHANCERY

Daniel Miller v. Wm. C. Coulter, referred to commr. Bratton.

George C. Hill v. Rebecca J. Hill decree of sale.

H. P. McLaughlin v. Hugh McLaughlin's legatees, R. S. Turk appointed special receiver and a decree entered that he recover \$833.26 from decedent's estate.

Mandelbaum & Frank v. F. M. Dilley, decree to sell.

Wilson W. Dilley v. Maggie J. Dilley, divorce granted.

John W. Stephenson trustee, v. McDonald, decree directing the disbursement of the trust fund.

Levi Gay v. John T. McGraw et al., decree to sell land.

Gibson's admr. v. Gibson's heirs, sale confirmed of lands on Elk to Wm. Gibson and Sherman Gibson.

Wm. Skeen's admr. v. John T. McGraw, decree to sell.

R. S. Turk special commr. v. B. M. Yeager, sale of land confirmed to B. M. Yeager.

E. O. Moore v. F. K. Moore, amount of vendor's lien recovered.

Sally Gum's admr. v. E. O. Moore, sale of land confirmed.

Same v. E. R. Tallman same.

Elhart, Joyner & company v. J. W. Riley, et al., leave given to amend bill.

Bowling Spots & company v. U. S. McNeill, receiver ordered to pay to creditors ratably the amount in his hands.

M. J. McNeil v. L. W. Herold, sale of land confirmed.

Levi Gay v. J. B. Lockridge, leave to amend bill granted.

Jacob Sheets admr. v. Rachel Sheets, decree to sell.

David Burgess v. Wm. T. Beard and Withrow McClinton, suit dismissed at cost of plaintiff.

James M. Simmons v. R. H. Simmons referred to commissioner Bratton.

N. Frank & sons v. E. I. Holt, decree directing a pro rata payment on the part of the receiver, N. J. Brown, and ordering a sale at public auction of the personal property of the assignment, if not sold privately within sixty days.

Court adjourned Wednesday, October, 24th.